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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: |) | |
| | : | Examiner: S. Kau |
| MASAO KATO |) | |
| | : | Group Art Unit: 2625 |
| Application No.: 10/725,397 |) | |
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| Filed: December 3, 2003 |) | |
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| For: IMAGE PROCESSING |) | |
| APPARATUS AND IMAGE | : | |
| PROCESSING METHOD |) | September 17, 2008 |

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) having been filed concurrently herewith, and in response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2008, the period for response to which having been extended to September 17, 2008 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time with fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows: